



## Media Alert

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### **The Houston Fire Department and CenterPoint Energy Team-Up to "Alarm" Houston *Smoke Detector Installation Event This Saturday***

**WHAT:** This is the fourth year in a row that the HFD and Centerpoint Energy have formed a partnership for the to battle deadly residential fires in the Houston. Members of the Houston Fire Department and volunteers from Centerpoint Energy will team-up to canvass a neighborhood on the northside of Houston to install working smoke alarms and batteries in the residents' homes.

**WHEN/WHERE:** Saturday, October 30, 2010. Volunteers will meet at Montie Beach Park, 915 Northwood St. at 8:30 a.m. and canvass the area neighborhood until about 12p.m. (See Map at [www.houstontx.gov/fire/installmap103010.pdf](http://www.houstontx.gov/fire/installmap103010.pdf))

**DETAILS:** Earlier this month, CenterPoint Energy provided a \$20,000 donation to be used to purchase the thousands of smoke detectors as part of the HFD "Get Alarmed Houston" program. This is the fourth year in a row that the HFD and Centerpoint Energy have formed a partnership for the to battle deadly residential fires in the Houston.

"This gift provides the first line of defense for many Houstonians in our efforts to keep them safe from the dangers of fire," said HFD fire Chief Terry Garrison. "The support from CenterPoint comes at a critical time as we have experienced more than the average number of fire deaths in Houston spurred by a number of instances where there have been multiple fire deaths in one episode."

Prior to this contribution, Centerpoint has contributed \$45 thousand to the life-saving cause with the HFD, allowing the purchase of 5 thousand smoke detectors and several hundred carbon monoxide detectors.

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